17. A Master Plan Drainage Unit for drainage in Delhi needs to be constituted on permanent basis involving one circle having a recurring expenditure to the tune of Rs. 12.00 lakhs to 15.00 lakhes or so annually to prepare the draft for its implementation under the control of I and F department.

18. A high level co-ordination cell headed by Senior Engineer of the level of Additional Secretary, Govt. of India needs to be set-up, who may be able to report directly to Chief Secretary, Chief Minister and Lt. Governor Delhi on any point needing Govt. attention.

Gap Between Demand/Availability of Houses

6171. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the gap between the demand and availability of houses;

(b) how the Government propose to bridge the said gap;

(c) what is the established rate of construction of dwelling units per annum;

(d) the position of India so far as rate of construction of dwelling units per annum is concerned; and

(e) what steps have been taken by Government to accelerate construction activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) On the basis of 1981 census data, NBO has projected housing shortage as on 1.3.93 to be of the order of 33.0 million dwelling units. Out of which 11.3 million would be in urban areas.

(b) The National Housing Policy envisages various steps towards achieving the goal of reduction of shelterlessness and to increase housing stock by remove of constraints and creation of an enabling environment. These include:—

1. augmentation in the level of housing finance;

2. removal of legal and other constraints;

3. enhancing the supply of developed land, infrastructural services, cost effective building materials and technology etc.

Housing being a State subject, the State Govt. have to formulate State Action Plans for the speedy and time bound implementation of the policy.

(c) As per the 8th Plan document, the contribution by formal sector so far has been at the rate of 10 lakh dwelling units per year during the Seventh Plan period. This is expected to go upto 13 lakh units per year during 8th Plan period.

(d) No such comparitive analysis with references to rate of construction in other countries has been made by the Govt.

(e) Action on the lines indicated in answer to part (b) is an on-going process.

Night Shelters and Sanitation Facil-Footpath Dwellers

6172. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently revised the Central grant and subsidy for the construction of night shelter and sanitation facilities for the footpath dwellers in the urban areas in the country;

(b) if so, the details therof; and